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11122; (D) JIDDA 6375

1. IN RESPONSE REF (B), IF REPRESENTATIVES OF KIDNAPPERS
OF CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2 APPROACH EMBASSY TO DELIVER RANSOM
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DEMANDS OR TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE OR DISCUSS RELEASE OF THE

HOSTAGES EMBOFF SHOULD ACT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) EMBOFF SHOULD ACCEPT DOCUMENT OR ORAL STATEMENT AND AFTER READING OR HEARING SAME, SHOULD ASK ANY NECESSARY QUESTIONS TO ENSURE THAT KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS ARE FULLY AND ACCURATELY UNDERSTOOD. EMBOFF SHOULD STATE THAT HE WILL IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT THE DEMANDS TO HIS GOVERNMENT, AND SHOULD INQUIRE OF KIDNAPPERS' REPRESENTATIVES WHERE AND HOW EMBASSY CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM WHEN IT HAS A REPLY TO CONVEY. IF REPS ATTEMPT TO INITIATE A DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION WITH THE EMBOFF, HE SHOULD STATE THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT THEIR COMMUNICATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT HE IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS.

(B) EMBOFF SHOULD NOT ARRANGE OR AGREE TO A FURTHER MEETING OR CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS' REPS PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

(C) EMBOFF SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM KIDNAPPERS' REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE OF HOSTAGES.

2. FOLLOWING APPROACH BY KIDNAPPERS' REPS, EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, OR SUBSTANCE OR ORAL PRESENTATION, TO EPMG, BUT KIDNAPPERS' REPS SHOULD NOT BE INFORMED OF THIS INTENDED ACTION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RAISED BY FON MIN KIFLE PARA 2 REF (A) RE USG THINKING ABOUT PUBLISHED DEMANDS, AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED CONVEY FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) USG CONTINUES TO REGARD SAFE RELEASE OF CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2 AS RESPONSIBILITY OF EPMG.

(B) USG WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

(C)#USG WILL NOT ASK EPMG TO ACCEDE TO ANY OF THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS FOR RELEASE OF CISCO 2 AND KAGNEW 2, NOR CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL USG ITSELF ACCEDE TO SUCH DEMANDS.

(D) EXPERIENCE IN PAST ABDUCTION CASES HAS CONVINCED USG OF IMPORTANCE OF OPENING AND MAINTAINING A DIALOGUE WITH THE KIDNAPPERS EVEN WHERE THERE IS NO INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO THEIR DEMANDS. USG WILL THEREFORE ENDEAVOR TO KEEP OPEN ANY DIALOGUE WHICH THE KIDNAPPERS HAVE INITIATED, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM.

EPMG WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED. WE HOPE THAT EPMG WILL
SIMILARLY BE WILLING TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE WITH KID-
NAPPERS SHOULD OPPORTUNITY PRESENT ITSELF.

(BL AMBASSADOR SHOULD ALSO INFORM FON MIN THAT USG
REGARDS THE US BASE PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA AS A MATTER
EXCLUSIVELY FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE US AND THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENTS AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WITH
KIDNAPPERS.

4. TRANSCRIPT OF RELEVANT PORTIONS OF SECRETARY'S PRESS
CONFERENCES AT VAIL, IOLORADO ON AUGUST 17 AND AT ORLANDO,
FLORIDA, ON SEPTEMBER 16, ARE BEING SEPARATELY CABLED.

5. WE ARE PROPOSING TO THE SECRETARY THAT HE RAISE CISCO
2 AND KAGNEW 2 PROBLEM WITH PRINCE SAUD ON SEPTEMBER 18,
PER JIDDA RECOMMENDATIONS REF (C) AND (D).

6. WE ARE ALSO PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW APPROACH BY
EMBASSY KHARTOUM TO SUDANESE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS
SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF OTHER MIDDLE EAST GOVERNMENTS. KISSINGER
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